

Declaration of inventor Debra Wenzel under 37 C.F. R. 1.132 which is now in this file.

Applicant received the Advisory Action dated October 23, 2000 indicating that the Amendment after Final Rejection and the Declaration of inventor Deborah Wenzel would not be entered.. Applicant's undersigned attorney of record subsequently discussed the status of this patent application by telephone with Examiner Johnson. It was decided to continue prosecution and timely file this Continuation Patent Application and the present Preliminary Amendment A.

The prior amendment mailed October 20, 2000 is NOT to be entered.

However, the Declaration of inventor Deborah Wenzel mailed October 2, 2000 now in this file is referred to below and this Declaration of inventor is to be entered into the file.

This Preliminary Amendment A mailed December 15, 200 is then to be entered into this CPA patent application having the same Serial Number and Filing Date and the below amended claims are to be examined quickly.

Instructions--Prior to examining this application further, please amend it as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 102 , line 6 to page 103, line 3, delete the following text:

"The present invention relates to an additive composition for a combustible fuel to utilize readily available and renewable resources and to produce improved combustion and reduced smoke and particulate production of the combusted fuel, which additive composition comprises:

- a. one or more water-soluble alcohols selected from the group consisting of alcohols having from between about 1 and 6 carbon atoms, in an anhydrous state or as a 0.5-36% aqueous solution, and one or more of the following:
- b. one or more alcohols selected from the group consisting of clear, liquid saturated or unsaturated, straight- or branched-chain alcohols having from between about 6 and 18 carbon atoms;
- c. one or more alcohols selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated straight- or branched- long-chain alcohols having between about 12 and 18 carbon atoms, where the ethylene oxide add-on is less than 5 moles;
- d. a fatty acid of the structure $R-(C=O)-OH$, wherein R is selected from alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl having from about 10 to 24 carbon atoms, with

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e. a source of nitrogen in an anhydrous state or as an aqueous solution selected from the group consisting of the ammonia, hydrazine, alkyl hydrazine, dialkyl hydrazine, urea, ethanolamine,, monoalkyl ethanolamine, dialkyl ethanolamine wherein alkyl is independently selected from methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl wherein trialkylamines are excluded;

wherein components a to e when combined with mixing with said combustible fuel form a clear stable microemulsion having a viscosity similar to a liquid fossil fuel; and

wherein said additive composition excludes glycerine, polyethylene, polyoxyethylene, polyoxypropylenes, aromatic organic compounds, sulfur, sulfur compounds, metals, metal compounds, compounds of phenanthrene. Specifically, compositions of ethanol, methanol, isopropanol, octanol, 2-ethyl-hexanol, linoleic acid, oleic acid, ammonia, and water are preferred to produce minimum smoke, particulates, and noxious gases upon combustion.”, and

insert therefor:

--The present invention relates to an additive composition for a combustible fuel to utilize readily available and renewable resources and to produce improved combustion and reduced smoke and particulate production of the combusted fuel, which additive composition comprises:

a. ethanol, in an anhydrous state or as a 0.5-36% aqueous solution, optionally with alcohols having between about 3 and 5 carbon atoms, and one or more of the following:

C1 b. one or more alcohols selected from the group consisting of clear, liquid saturated or unsaturated, straight- or branched-chain alcohols having from between about 6 and 12 carbon atoms, optionally with alcohols having between about 13-18 carbon atoms, or one or more alcohols selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated straight- or branched- long-chain alcohols having between about 13 and 18 carbon atoms, where the ethylene oxide add-on is less than 5 moles;

c. a fatty acid of the structure $R-(C=O)-OH$, wherein R is selected from alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl having from about 10 to 24 carbon atoms, with

a source of nitrogen in an anhydrous state or as an aqueous solution of ammonia, wherein components a to c when combined with mixing with said combustible fuel form a clear stable microemulsion having a viscosity similar to a liquid fossil fuel; and

wherein said additive composition excludes glycerine, polyethylene, polyoxyethylene,